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Wild West WinterFest February 18-20, 2011

Put on your hats and coats, mittens and boots and join us for the 9th annual WinterFest. There will be several new events this year including a Bull Riding, Ski Joring and a Homemade Beer & Wine Contest!

The traditional WinterFest events are returning: All Breed Horse Sale, Children's Art Show, Chili Cook-off, Dog Keg Pull, Hockey Tournament, Old McLien's Farm Barn, Petting Zoo, Photography Show, Quilt Show, Sweet-heart Fur & Feather Show and Working Horse & Driver Competition.

As always, there will be a variety of food vendors, exhibitor booths, music and other western entertainment, including a concert by Corb Lund (see next page)!

Break your cabin fever, get out of the house and join us for some winter-time fun!!



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Bridger Bowl Ski Bus

Bridger Bowl will once again operate weekend FREE skier busses. The Park-N-Ride bus will make multiple round trips from the Gallatin County Fairgrounds to the ski hill.

The FREE kids bus will also operate on Saturdays, Sundays and Bozeman school holidays (excluding Christmas Day). The kids bus will leave from McDonald's on Main Street and stop at the Fairgrounds for a pickup as well. The main parking lot at the Fairgrounds will also be designated as the parking area for carpooling skiers and riders.

Please check the following website for departure times and possible schedule changes: www.bridgerbowl.com/themountain.skierbus. Also check out Bridger Bowl's snow phone at 406-586-2389 for additional information.



Corb Lund in Concert at Wild West WinterFest!

The Gallatin County Fairgrounds and the Wild West WinterFest Planning Committee is proud to present Corb Lund in concert Saturday, February 19, 2011! The show will kick off at 8:30pm and Corb is sure to bring a great show! Admission tickets are \$15 in advance and include admission into WinterFest or \$20 at the gate. Tickets go on sale December 1, 2010 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds.

Losin' Lately Gambler marks the American debut of Corb Lund, Canada's acclaimed, authentic alternative country star. Produced by the noted Nashville drummer and vocalist Harry Stinson, of Marty Stuart's Fabulous Superlatives, Lund's first New West album is the Alberta-born singer/songwriter's sixth. He has already impressed listeners and critics at home: Lund has been named Roots Artist of the Year by the Canadian Country Music Association for the last five years running and was again nominated this year. He collected the Roots and Traditional Album of the Year trophy for his album *Hair in My Eyes Like a Highland Steer* at 2006 JUNO Awards (the Canadian Grammys), and took home a CCMA Album of the Year award for the set as well. His ambitious 2007 song cycle *Horse Soldier, Horse Soldier!* Was nominated for the prestigious critical accolade, the Polaris Music Prize. Lund came by all the praise naturally: Unlike many so-called "country artists" these days, he is no drugstore cowboy—he's the real McCoy.



"My family is all ranchers and rodeo people," Lund says. "They've been in Canada for about 100 years, and before that they were raising cattle in Utah and Nevada." Country and Western music has always run in Lund's blood, but before he began performing it full-time, he was swept away by indie rock. From 1989 to 2001 he worked with the aggressive Edmonton band, "The Smalls".

"They call it punk rock—they say that because it was an indie kind of project—but it was more like a modern kind of Black Sabbath thing," Lund says. "It was a very do-it-yourself, independent-scene kind of thing. So it was kind of punky. We did four records. It was good—we sold about 40,000 records. I think if the band had been from Chicago or New York or Los Angeles we might have been able to take it further, but it was a niche music and we took it about as far as we could take it in Western Canada." He continues, "About 1993 or '94 I started playing country gigs. That's the stuff I grew up with. I never really stopped playing it and liking it. There was quite a long period where I was doing both. From a writing standpoint, it's not as different as you might think; I would compare it to sketching in pencil versus doing oil paintings."

Lund's latest series of oils, *Losin' Lately Gambler*, features a gallery of subjects drawn from real life. He says, "A lot of my ancestors pop into the songs. I've got quite a cast of characters to draw from. I feel a real kinship with the old West. A lot of my ancestors were ranchers, but one of my great-grandpas was a road gambler in Montana in the 1880s. I've got some miners in there. My grandpas in particular were full of lore—they had lots of stories."

Lund and his group, who will support *Losin' Lately Gambler* with extensive touring, have already made their mark as a top concert act. The Hurtin' Albertans routinely sell out arenas at home, and they've enlisted a legion of fans in the U.S. from Montana to Texas with appearances with alternative-country stars like Robert Earl Keen and Hayes Carll.



Their audiences are not restricted to country enthusiasts, however Lund has appeared on eclectic bills at high profile events such as England's Glastonbury Festival, Canada's Virgin Festival and Australia's Byron Bay Blues Festival with artists such as Stone Temple Pilots and David Gray. "We play folk fests and rock fests and country fests," Lund says. "I write my own stuff and a lot of the regular country guys don't. I think there's a kind of quirkiness to the writing that opens it up a little bit to people who might not normally pick up on Country and Western stuff. I'm in a unique situation; I grew up country and I spent 10 years in a rock band, in a situation where you were encouraged to be unique and strive for new sounds. I bring that kind of thing back to my country writing. There's enough of an irreverence to it where it steps outside the boundaries of what's traditionally expected."

For more information on the Corb Lund concert or a list of events at the Wild West WinterFest please visit us on Facebook or on our website at www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.com. WinterFest runs February 18—20, 2011; admission to WinterFest is \$5, children 10 and under get in free.

December Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

More information is available at www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.com

Dec 2	Gallatin County Weed Control Meeting	1:15pm	Ag Center
Dec 3	Ice Dogs game vs. <i>Helena Bighorns</i>	7:30pm	Haynes Pavilion
Dec 4	Bozeman Kiwanis Club—Pancake Feed \$5 Adults; \$2.50 Children	7am—1pm	Bldg #4
Dec 4	S & R Handcrafted Gifts Show \$1—Fundraiser for Eagle Mount	Sat. 8am—4pm Sun. 11:00—4pm	Bldg #1
Dec 4	Ice Dogs game vs. <i>Yellowstone Quake</i>	7:30pm	Haynes Pavilion
Dec 10	Bozeman Trail Promotions—Gun Show \$5 Adults; \$1 Children (Good All Weekend)	Fri. 5pm—8pm Sat. 9am—6pm Sun. 9am—3pm	Exhibit Bldgs
Dec 16	Winterfest Meeting	5:30pm	Office
Dec 17	Ice Dogs game vs. <i>Butte Rough Riders</i>	7:30pm	Haynes Pavilion
Dec 17	House Productions Youth Dance Party Admission \$6	9pm—12am	Bldg #3
Dec 18	Craftapalooza—Handcrafted Goodness	10am—3 pm	Bldgs #3,4
Dec 21	Fair Board Meeting	5:30pm	Office
Dec 24	Fairgrounds Office Closed All Day for Christmas		
Dec 30-31	Bull Riding Blowout MSU Benefit Dinner Friday 6:30pm	Thu & Fri 7:30pm	Indoor Arena

All home games begin at 7:30 pm at the Haynes Pavilion.

Ticket Pricing Classifications:

Adult (18+) —\$8; Youth & Student—\$5; Child (5 & Under)— Free

Individual game tickets are available at the door only. All seating is General Admission.

College students will receive the Youth & Student price by presenting a valid university ID Card.

More information is available at www.bozemanicedogs.com.



Marketing Minute

It seems as though time is not the only thing flying here at the Fairgrounds as we approach December, the snow is beginning to fly as well! With the Holidays right around the corner and much to **do, don't forget about great Christmas shopping opportunities available at the Fairgrounds.** From the S & R Handcrafted Gifts show and Craftapalooza, to the gun show, there is something for everyone on your list at one of the Fairgrounds events! After shopping, drive up the road and grab a bite to eat at **Famous Dave's.** **Not only is it great food, but you will be supporting a dedicated and generous sponsor of the Gallatin County Fairgrounds.**

The Famous Dave's BBQ restaurant in Bozeman, Montana serves up award-winning barbeque ribs and hickory-smoked meats in a casual, family-friendly atmosphere. For the "Best Barbeque" in Bozeman, you can dine in, takeout, or have them cater your next event!

Famous Dave spent 25 years perfecting America's favorite styles of barbeque, like their hickory-smoked ribs and Georgia chopped pork slathered with Rich & Sassy® BBQ sauce. And if hundreds of national and regional awards don't convince you - the great taste will. Their menu also features smokin' sandwiches, mouthwatering burgers, garden fresh salads and homestyle desserts all served up in a casual, down-home atmosphere with toe tappin' blues. Open daily for lunch and dinner -- dine-in or grab a load and hit the road with Famous Dave's TO GO. And don't forget Dave's catering, perfect for your next friendly or family get-together, just in time for the Holidays!



Need a Place for your Upcoming Holiday Party?

The Gallatin County Fairgrounds has numerous heated buildings that work great for your office Christmas party. The newly constructed entrance and restrooms look awesome! Our remodeled Exhibit buildings #1, #2 and #3. Building #4 has a commercial kitchen and is great for those venues that are catered.



Many dates are still available. If you are interested, please call the office at 406-582-3270. Pricing and photos of our buildings and grounds can be seen on our website at www.gallatin.countyfairgrounds.com. Click on the Facilities Rental Information link.

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Bozeman Trail Promotions Gun Show

The Big Game and Trophy Gun Show put on by Bozeman Trail Promotions begins Friday December 10 and runs through Sunday.

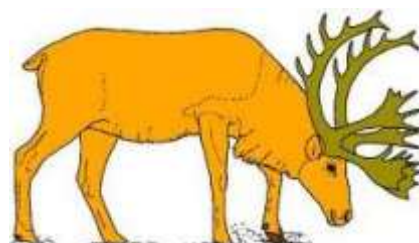
This show offers hunting firearms, western collectibles, antiques and western and wildlife art for sale or trade. The show includes Big Game trophy displays and Boon & Crocket scoring by Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The show is definitely not just for men!

Come join us at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds for this fun-filled event! Hours are as follows:

Friday: 5pm—8pm

Saturday: 9am—6pm

Sunday: 9am—3pm



Bozeman Kiwanis Club Pancake Feed

Heading to Bozeman on Saturday December 4th for the annual Christmas Stroll? Then start the day right by stopping by the Gallatin County Fairgrounds from 7am to 1pm for the **Bozeman Kiwanis' Annual "Cakes for the Kids!" Pancake Breakfast**. Bring your family and friends to this fun, traditional event to kick off your day at the Christmas Stroll!

For over 50 years the Kiwanis Club of Bozeman has provided all-you-can-eat pancakes with strawberry topping, ham, juice and coffee.

Just \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. The Bozeman High School Key Club and Circle K will be doing kids face painting and balloon animals. Other entertainment will be present and there is a rumor that Santa may appear!

All proceeds go to support area service projects with Young Children Priority. One the main focus!



COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Minutes are available on the

Fairgrounds website:

gallatincountyfairgrounds.com

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We are always looking for more volunteers to help on committees. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Fairgrounds Office.

FairEver Yours ... Manager's Thoughts

CHRISTMAS IS MY FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR! To me, Christmas is a family time so I decided I would share, with my Fairgrounds family, a little bit about my early Christmas' and the reason I absolutely love this season.

I was born in northern Wisconsin, where my parents owned a fishing and hunting resort. When it snowed in November we didn't see bare ground again until June. The winters were long and you either learned to love them or be just plain miserable. Our family loved them!

We had no electricity and no running water so things were much different for us and very interesting. We had an ice house that my folks and their neighbors would fill during the winter months with blocks of ice cut from the "flowage". The blocks were packed in sawdust so they would last through the summer. My Mom shoveled the snow off the ice near our boat dock and we learned to ice skate by pushing chairs around on the cleared paths. Winter was a quiet time (the snow plow came once a month). We were 40 miles from the nearest town so when the plow came, we would make a mad dash, at about 25 mph, for town in our 1948 Ford pickup (if it would start) to pick up more food and the mail.

My parents were very self-sufficient and loved living in the "back woods". I learned to love winter from them. They taught my sister and I to snowshoe and to cross country ski before it was called that. My Mom dressed us in layers, lots of them. She tied cotton diapers around our faces so our noses and cheeks wouldn't freeze. It was the BEST! The only thing I didn't like about winter in northern Wisconsin, was the fact our pet skunk, Jimmy Chlorophyll went into hibernation in the wood pile and we didn't see him again until spring.

My favorite childhood memories are of winters at the resort. It was a great time for our family. We didn't have TV, we read lots and eventually we did get a radio and could listen to all the fun radio shows like Sergeant Preston of the Yukon and Rin Tin Tin.

Christmas was always special for us. It could have been just another day since we were so far from any stores or neighbors, but my Mom and Dad had Christmas hearts! My Mom sewed new clothes for my sister and I. She made us rag dolls (mine was taller than I was and her name was Flossie). We had crackling fires in the fireplace and we had lots of good things to eat. One Christmas stands out above the others. I think I was about 4 years old and my sister was 2. My Dad and Mom helped us write a letter to Santa. My sister and I were so excited. We never thought about how it was going to get mailed. I remember we asked Santa to be sure not to miss our house. He would have to look really hard, because our candle and kerosene lights weren't very bright. On that particular Christmas Eve it was snowing and blowing outside and my sister, Sally, and I were worrying that Santa wouldn't be able to fly his sleigh because the weather was so bad. My Mom had gone to the kitchen to pop some popcorn when she called to us. We ran to see what she wanted as she had excitement in her voice. There on the floor was a letter Mom said must have come in under the door. My sister and I looked at the letter and KNEW it was from Santa. There was a red pencil sketch, on the outside of envelope, of Santa, his sleigh and reindeer. It had "TO SALLY AND SUSIE" written on the front. We tore it open and my Mom read it to us. I don't remember the exact words, but it said something about how happy Santa was when he received our letter. He said he flew over our house just to make sure he could find it and would stop back later provided we were sound asleep in our beds. I remember almost flying into our bed, snuggling with my sister and listening for the reindeer hooves and the jingle bells. It was the best, but the longest night ever. At about 4am, my sister and I ran to our parents room and jumped in bed with them. No matter how hard they coaxed, we would not settle down and go back to sleep. We had to go see if Santa had visited. HE HAD! We found Santa had eaten the cookies and filled our stockings. I don't remember what gifts we received, but I know it was magical. I will never forget that Christmas or any of the Christmas' I spent with my family. My Mom and Dad loved Christmas and lived Christmas throughout the year. They loved people and cared for all animals. They gave of themselves. They enjoyed the little things in life.

Years after that special Christmas, the first Christmas after my Mom passed away, I found a little tin box packed in with her Christmas decorations. In the box, I found notes she had written each year as she put away the Christmas things. I read through all the notes, not more than a paragraph each, and remembered each Christmas she described. She always wrote how she looked forward to the next wonderful year and that next Christmas. I have continued that tradition. Each year I write a quick little note about the Christmas just past but I have added my hopes for the new year. It good to read these little entries and think about how special each and every day is.

My parents knew the special meaning of Christmas and shared that with us. They also taught us to enjoy life, appreciate each other and live every day. Christmas comes only once a year, but we must try to remember to live it year around and we too will have Christmas hearts!

FairEver Yours ... Manager's Thoughts



Most of us will never receive one of life's big prizes –

The Pulitzer,

The Nobel,

An Oscar, A Tony, or An Emmy.

BUT – we are ALL eligible for life's small pleasures –

A pat on the back,

A horseback ride in the mountains,

A cold, clear starry night,

A babbling, rushing stream,

A hand to hold,

A glorious sunrise,

A crackling fire,

A great meal,

A glass of wine,

A hug from a child.

Don't think twice about missing out on life's grand awards.

Enjoy its tiny delights!

There are plenty for all of us.



I am wishing you all a very special holiday season, one that will create special memories for you, for your children, grandchildren and friends!

Be happy!

Fairever Yours,

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Christmas gift suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness.

To an opponent, tolerance.

To a friend, your heart.

To a customer, service.

To all, charity.

To every child, a good example.

To yourself, respect.

Oren Arnold



MERRY CHRISTMAS



New Outdoor Skating Rink

There lots of exciting things planned for the new year here at the Fairgrounds. More info in the Jan. newsletter. Something for you to check out during the holidays is a new outdoor skating rink here at the Fairgrounds.



Open Riding

The Indoor Arena is available for Open Riding all week long (except County Holidays). Riding times must be scheduled through the Fairgrounds Office. Call 582-3270 to reserve a time to ride.

\$7/hour/rider

Up to 8 riders at a time.

